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Welcome

Welcome to the beautiful City of Okemah.

The word "Okemah" means "things up high." In Okemah, we strive for continuous improvement, always reaching for "things up high." The City of Okemah, with a 225-acre Industrial Park located right on I-40, strives to provide incentives for industry and quality of life for our citizens.

Help Okemah win Channel 5's contest! We're in the top 10 now! They'll be here Monday, June 21 at 2:30 p.m. at the downtown park to see if we really want to win. PLEASE come down there and help us persuade them! They'll air our response on TV! For more info, call Cherri at 918-623-0738.

Keep your eye on our Photo Album ! You just never know who might show up there. Also - check the Community Calendar often to be "in the know" about what's coming up next in Okemah.

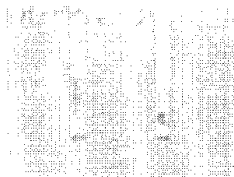
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About Okemah

"Okemah, Oklahoma, where I come from was one of the singing square-dancingest, drinkingest, preachingest, walkingest, talking, laughingest, cryingest, shootingest, fistfightingest, bleedingest, gamblingest, gun, club and razor carryingest of our ranch and f. towns, because it blossomed into one of our first Oil Boom Towns."

Woodrow Wilson Guthrie



Okemah is a city with a mission, goals and a plan for getting where we want to go. We are proud to claim the distinction of being an Oklahoma Century Community. We are one of the most progressive, interesting, well adapted, broadminded, foresighted communities in Oklahoma. Okemah is the center of retail trade in Okfuskee County. Area residents receive a varied blend of goods and services from both nationally recognized chain stores and locally owned specialty shops and retail establishments. We have a new high school, industrial park, water and sewage facility, and vo-tech school.

Okemah also offers one of the most well managed lakes and hunting areas in the state. We have a beautiful historic theater, interesting restaurants, and fine shopping.

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City Administration

City Council:

Okemah has a council-manager form of government. There are 5 councilmen, one from each ward and one at large. Their terms are staggered and are for four years. The city clerk and treasurer are appointed, as are the city attorney and city judge.

Planning Commission:

Okemah is a **Century Community** with a comprehensive city plan. This plan is being used as a guide for zoning and orderly growth for the future.

Police Protection:

The Okemah Police Department consists of the Chief of Police, 5 officers, 4 school resource officers, 4 dispatchers and one animal control. The department has 7 vehicles and 1 truck for animal control. All city areas receive patrol service.

Fire Protection:

The Okemah Fire Department is a 20-member volunteer fire department.

County Sheriff:

The county sheriff and his office are located in Okemah. This office is manned by a sheriff, undersheriff and 5 deputies. There are 9 radio-equipped cars. Their radios are on a network with surrounding cities and counties.

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History of Okemah

Okemah was named after a Kickapoo Indian Chief named Chief Okemah. In March, 1902 Chief Okemah built a bark house after the fashion of the Kickapoo tribe. He had come to await the opening of the townsite which took his name April 22, 1902. In the Kickapoo language, "Okemah" means "things up high," such as highly placed person or town or high ground. Okemah thus had the old chief's name to live up to in leadership.

Okemah was platted by a group of Shawnee residents March, 1902 on land belonging to Mahala and Nocus Fixico, full blood Creek Indians who had no legal right to sell their holdings, but who did anyway. This apparently made no difference to the promoters. April 22, 1902 the formal opening launched the town into an instant business success as the first plows broke the fertile area described in Washington Irving's "Tour of the Prairies" 60 years earlier. The town was incorporated in 1903 and in the spring of 1904, when restrictions on sale of townsite lots were removed, the Indians were paid \$50 an acre for their land by trustees who were authorized to give legal deeds to the purchasers who claimed title. In the first week the city had the following stores: four general merchandise, two hardware, one 5 & 10 cent store, three drug stores, four grocery stores, three wagon yards, four lumber yards, three cafes, one bakery, two millinery stores, four livery barns, three blacksmiths, two dairies, two cotton gins and two weekly newspapers. There were eight doctors, four lawyers, two walnut log buyers, and one Chinese laundryman. Two hotels were quickly put up, including the three story Broadway hotel which set the city apart as an important town in early-day Oklahoma. Okfuskee county was organized at the time of statehood and Okemah was chosen as county seat in an election held August 27, 1908.

Some of the "firsts" recorded in Okemah's history are as follows: Perry Rodkey and H.R. Dexter surveyed the townsite first. The town's first state-chartered bank began business the day of the opening, April 22, 1903 in a tent on the northwest corner of the present Fifth and Broadway (now City Hall). C. J. Benson was president. W. H. Dill was vice president and served as cashier. It became the First National Bank in 1903, but was liquidated in 1939. J. E. Galloway was first mayor; Perry Rodkey, first postman; E. D. Dexter, first hotel operator; W. H. Dill ran the first telephone company; a Mr. Franklin wore the first city policeman's badge; John D. Richards had the first hardware store; McGee Brothers put in the first cotton gin and E. E. Shook established the first lumber yard. The first church in the city was the North Methodist, at Sixth and Ash, but the first church service was in the Baptist faith presided over by the Rev. Black. The first execution at the hand of a bunch of vigilantes resulted in the death of a man alleged to

have been trying to steal a saddle. Editor, Charles Barnclaw, published the first newspaper. S. L. O'Bannon was the teacher in the first school which was opened in 1902 with funds gained by subscribers and classes were held in a store building. The first school building was built in 1902 on the site of the old Wilson School. The first public school was opened with Dr. Z. Cheatwood as superintendent in 1904. A store building housed one of the first public schools and the other was situated in buildings where the American Legion building now stands. Noble School, completed in 1907, was named for Miss Mae Noble. Okemah High School gained accreditation in 1912 and met in the old Noble School building until the building of 1918 was erected. In the high school complex the band shop building was erected 1941 and a vocational building in 1948.

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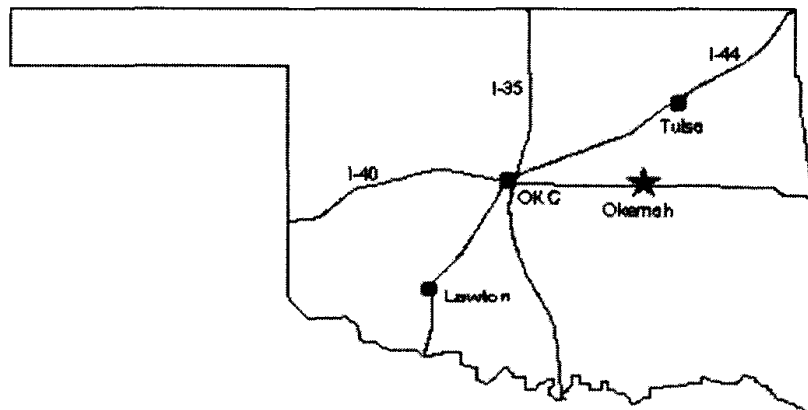
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Locate Us

Okemah, a town full of the most friendly and down-to-earth people you'll ever meet, is easy to find. We are conveniently located on Interstate 40 (exit 221), 70 miles east of Oklahoma City and 66 miles southwest of Tulsa, OK. We are the County seat of Okfuskee County.



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Tourism & Recreation

The City of Okemah offers many great activities for vacationers, history buffs, hikers, boaters, rodeo lovers and outdoorsmen. Like to fish? Hunt? Golf? Walk? We have it! Our hotels, restaurants and shops are here to make you comfortable and content. And, every July, the annual Woody Guthrie festival draws visitors from all over the world for a weekend-long party! Check our Events Calendar to see what's coming up soon! For motel and restaurant information, see our **Chamber Member Directory**.

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Casino

Conveniently located just south of Exit 221 off Interstate 40, The Okemah Gaming Center offers a variety of electronic video gaming machines and paper bingo. The facility, established in 2001, also serves as a meeting place for area tribal members which consist of 125 square miles. The Gaming Center is operated by the Okemah Indian Community, Muskogee (Creek) Nation.

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Golf Course

Okemah boasts one of the finest golf courses in the area. Our nine-hole golf course is the site of many hours of family fun for local residents.

Golfers from area communities are attracted to this course and impressed by its caliber. Built by volunteers in 1991, the golf course has been a dream come true for our community. This state-of-the-art link style course is a tribute to

the hard work, cooperative effort and community spirit put forth to make this dream become a reality. Hours of operation are from 8:00 a.m. till dark. Snacks and soft drinks are available in the Clubhouse throughout the day. The Okemah Golf Club is a non-profit organization that supports the Okemah High School golf team. The Golf Club is proud to be making a significant contribution toward helping our City meet our goals as a Century Community.

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Lakes



Okemah boasts one of the most beautiful 1100 acre city lakes in the state of Oklahoma.

Okemah City Lake offers superb fishing, water skiing and RV Park and camping in Okemah City Lake complex, located seven miles north of the City. The Oklahoma Department of Wildlife's annual Angler's Guide is an excellent way for anglers to find some of the best fishing

spots. The 1998 Angler's Guide ranked Lake Okemah as the number one fishing spot for bass fishing. This rating was the result of tournaments reported by the many different bass organizations holding events across Oklahoma.

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This lake has plenty of room for the fishermen and the water-skiers alike. Recreation facilities include: Tent and camper spaces, water hookups, pavilions available for retreats and family or church gatherings, restrooms, a swimming area, a playground for the kids, boat dock and boat ramps. If you like to fish, try it from your boat or from the sixteen miles of shoreline up and down the lake. Okemah Lake is stocked with Large & Small mouth Bass, as well as Channel, Blue & Flathead Catfish. Perch... Bluegill & Goggleeye are in abundance. Bring your fishing gear & enjoy some great fishing!

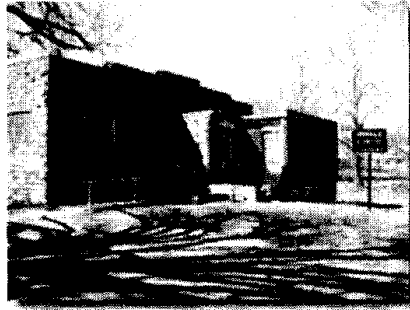
The many recreational opportunities available at Okemah Lake are significant

contributions toward Okemah's goals as a **Century Community**.

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Library



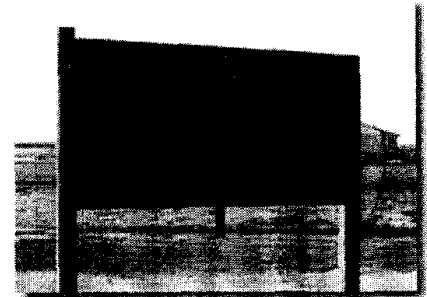
The Okemah Public Library is located in a historic rock building constructed with the aid of WPA funds. Enjoying a scenic view of Okemah's Noble Park, it is within a block of the Okemah Middle School. Friendly, helpful staff and dedicated volunteers make the library a cheerful place to spend a few hours with your nose in a good book. The library provides an

internet access site for the community and attracts many who wish to do research or check their email. Providing both educational and recreational value to the community, the library makes a substantial contribution to Okemah's goals as a **Century Community**.

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Outdoor Classroom

The Outdoor Classroom is a fun educational area built to teach adults and children alike about the environment and how to control flooding. There will also be several different stations such as a butterfly garden, animal footprint identification, native tree identification, gazebo and wildflower area. The local USDA/NRCS is heading the Outdoor Classroom project under the direction of the Community Improvement Association.



The Outdoor Classroom is a part of the **Recreational Complex** built and operated by the Okemah Community Improvement Association (CIA). The CIA was formed by a group of concerned citizens after a 1995 survey revealed numerous community needs. The Complex has been instrumental in helping to meet some portion of all 5 goals set in the CIA's Strategic Plan. The Strategic Plan has been incorporated into Okemah's Comprehensive Plan, which is at the core of progress being made by Okemah as a **Century Community**.

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Parks



Noble Park, in the heart of the city, provides picnic tables, playground equipment and lighted basketball courts with benches nearby. Public restroom facilities are maintained by City employees.

Okemah also has a beautiful park in the heart of downtown. The City of Okemah, the Chamber of Commerce, the Woody Guthrie Coalition, and the Community Improvement Association have worked together to make annual improvements to this cheery addition to the downtown area. The continuous improvements to Okemah's Parks are directly related to Okemah's goals as a **Century Community**.



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Rodeo Arena

As far back as the 1930's the annual Pioneer Day rodeo has been a major attraction for Okemah. From the 30's until sometime in the 50's, the rodeo was held at the WPA Pecan Bowl. In the late 50's the location of the annual rodeo was moved to its current site. The rodeo arena is city property and was originally leased to the Okemah Chamber of Commerce. Garrett Davis, deceased, was president of the Okemah Round Up Club when the new arena was constructed. The original clubhouse, little more than a shack, was replaced in the early 80's with a log building which remains there now.

In addition to the annual Pioneer Day Rodeo, the Okemah Round Up Club sponsors numerous events of interest to the community. A rodeo is held every August in conjunction with the Okfuskee County Fair. In April there will be a thunderbull competition for Pioneer Day. Throughout the summer barrel racing and bull riding competitions are held. The Round Up Club is proud to offer these recreational events as their contribution toward helping our City meet our goals as a **Century Community**.

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Softball Fields

The Okemah Community Improvement Association is nearing the completion stages of building four baseball/softball fields for Little League and Tournament games. The four

ballfields and the concession area are available for tournaments and games. Okemah High School and Middle School softball teams currently play their home games at the complex. Okemah Little League baseball and softball teams play here as well. Adult leagues and tournaments plus junior tournaments will also be held throughout the year.

Events at the Okemah **Recreational Complex** change weekly, so check with the Complex Director, Dwayne Swayze at 918-623-7354, for scheduling events.

Tee Goff Field is also available for softball games.

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Swimming Pool

Okemah's city-owned swimming pool is the "happening" place to be on those long hot summer months. The pool was renovated in 2002 and has fresh new look. Children and adults alike look forward to family recreation time at the pool. Continuous improvements to Okemah's Public Swimming Pool are directly related to Okemah's goals as a **Century Community**.

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Tours

Contact the **Chamber of Commerce** at 918-623-2440 to make arrangements to tour one of the world's largest pecan orchards.

For a list of points of interest to visit in Okemah, go to [Click here](#).

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Walking Trail



The Alice Cash Walking Trail is a 3/4 mile, lighted walk that surrounds the four ball fields and Outdoor Classroom/wetlands area constructed by the Community Improvement Association. The Walking Trail is a part of the **Recreational Complex** built and operated by the Okemah Community Improvement Association (CIA).

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WPA Armory

Okemah's WPA Armory was built in the 1930's during the depression as part of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's program designed to provide jobs for people. Hundreds of men were able to make a livable wage by working on this project. The armory was originally built as a home for the National Guard. Before its construction they had been meeting in the lower floor of what is now R&R Body Shop in downtown Okemah. During World War II both the WPA Armory and the WPA Pecan Bowl housed German prisoners sent here to work in our fields. The Arkansas National Guard was mobilized to Okemah to guard the prisoners because our local National Guard troops were in Europe fighting the war. The prisoners did their own cooking and provided their own recreation, which included frequent soccer games.

A new National Guard Armory was built and dedicated 1986. No longer needed by the National Guard, the Armory became the site of many an Okemah High School basketball game. Currently the Armory is owned and maintained by the City of Okemah and houses city equipment and the city dog pound.

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WPA Pecan Bowl

Built during the depression as part of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's WPA program, the construction of Okemah's WPA Pecan Bowl provided hundreds of men with the means of making a living. The WPA Pecan Bowl was originally built as a location for outdoor sports and as a place to hold events such as county fairs and rodeos. Currently the WPA Pecan Bowl is used by the Okemah High School for football and baseball practice and games. The WPA Pecan Bowl serves an important role in meeting the goals Okemah has set as a **Century Community**.

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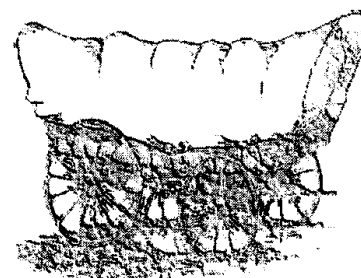
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Pioneer Day Festival

The Community Improvement Association (CIA) sponsors the Okemah Pioneer Days Celebration held every last weekend in April. The **2004** theme was Wild Wild West. Each year the CIA strives to make Pioneer Day bigger and better than ever.



Annual activities include a carnival, parade, street dance, live entertainment, games and contests. Several groups in town offer a variety of entertainment, including a gospel singing in the Farmers Market Thursday night, a Talent show at Crystal Theater on Saturday night, a golf tournament, and a Beauty Pageant the weekend prior to Pioneer Day. In addition there are always numerous reunions, a horseshoe tournament in Noble Park, and the annual the Hall of Fame Banquet sponsored by the Okemah Chamber of Commerce. There is always plenty of food and activities for all. Everyone is encouraged to get involved and have fun!

Come browse through the many arts and crafts booths located on the downtown sidewalks on Saturday. You're sure to find something to delight your taste buds among the large variety of foods available on Pioneer Day. Food vendors are located in the Farmers Market on Main Street.

Applications for Arts & Crafts Booths or for Food Vendor Booths are available at the Chamber of Commerce. Pioneer Day is a great opportunity for churches and civic groups to have a fundraiser. Anyone planning to have a booth needs to contact the Chamber of Commerce for rates and locations.

Anyone interested in riding in the parade or participating in any way should email the CIA at okemahcia@hotmail.com.

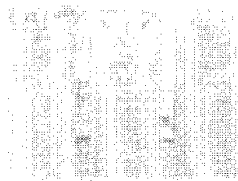
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Woody Guthrie Coalition

Okemah is known as the Home of Woody Guthrie. Each year the Woody Guthrie Festival is made possible by The Woody Guthrie Coalition, a non-profit, 501(C)3 organization. The five-day festival, held mid July in Okemah Oklahoma, draws artists and audiences from all corners of the United States and Europe. For more information about the Woody Guthrie Festival, visit their website.



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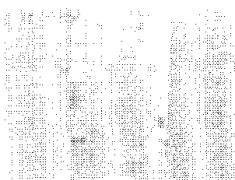
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OKEMAH LAKE RULES AND REGULATIONS

All Boaters must abide by the Oklahoma Boat and Water Rules, Regulations and Safety Laws issued by the Oklahoma Department of Public Safety. Class "A" Boats include PWC (Personal Watercraft).

It is the responsibility of the Boat operator to know the rules of the road for boat and water safety.

***Specific Rules and Regulations for Okemah City Lake
All City of Okemah Ordinances shall apply to Okemah City Lake***

BOATING:

Boat fees are payable in advance at Okemah City Hall or the Lake Ranger's Residence. Daily fees are \$5.00 and Annual fees are \$25.00.

- Racing Boats and/or boats with exhaust systems which disturb the peace and tranquility of the lake and its surrounding area are prohibited.
- All Boats shall travel in a counter clockwise direction.
- All Boats\PWC shall have a current Okemah Lake Permit attached.
- No Boats\PWC shall be allowed within 150 feet of the swimming area.
- Operators of Boats\ PWC shall be 14 years of age or older. Operators under the age of 16 shall be accompanied by a responsible adult.
- No wake shall be allowed within 150 feet of any boat ramp or when passing through the area of the old dam from either direction.
- No wake speed must be maintained for all nighttime activities
- There shall be no PWC or water skiing allowed in the (Old Lake), south of the (Old Dam).
- A distance of 150 feet shall be maintained from any dock, raft, boathouse, anchored or moored vessel except when proceeding at no wake speed.
- No person shall operate or give permission to operate parasails, water skis, surfboards, or similar device or any vessel in a reckless or negligent manner so as to endanger the life or property of any person.
- No person shall operate any motorboat, vessel or similar device while intoxicated or under the influence of a controlled substance.

HUNTING AND FISHING:

- All federal, state, and city laws shall be obeyed.
- All Persons shall possess a current Oklahoma license or exemption.
- Noodling for fish is not allowed.
- No Hunting shall be allowed except waterfowl hunting (only during the season

and with a permit).

- **Duck blinds** may be placed on a first come, first served basis but must be removed immediately after the season ends.

CAMPING AND PARK RULES:

- **Camping Space and Pavilion Space Fees** are as follows:
 - Electric and water services available-----\$10.00 per night.
 - Primitive site (without electric or water)-----\$4.00 per night.
 - Pavilion site-----\$25.00 per day.
 - **Camping and Pavilion Space Fees** shall be paid at Okemah City Hall, 502 W Broadway, Okemah, OK 74859, **OR** at the Lake Ranger's Office.
- **Camping and Pavilion Spaces** may be **reserved** up to one year ahead of time by payment in advance at the Lake Ranger's Residence, Route 4, Box 258A, Okemah, OK 74859. **Please Note**, there will be **no refunds**. **Rainchecks** are available but must be requested at least two (2) weeks before the reservation date.
- **Check out time for campsites---5:00 PM**
- **Camping or other picnic facilities located in the non-fee area (J.C. Point-Swimming Beach Area) may be used by the public on a first come, first served basis without payment. However, anyone wishing to reserve the pavilion at J.C. Point will be required to pay the fee as shown above.**
- **The entrance gate** shall be open from Sunup to Sundown. Gates may be opened earlier or closed later by the Lake Ranger for special events.
- **Exit from the Lake by means of a one-way traffic controller** shall be allowed at all times providing all other rules and regulations are obeyed.
- **Each camper or park user** shall be responsible for keeping their space clean. **Remember**, cigarettes and pop tabs are litter.
- **Quiet time** shall be observed from 11 PM until 6 AM.
- **Swimming** shall be allowed only in designated areas and all swimmers must remain inside of the marking buoys.
- **All pets** shall be on a leash at all times.
- **Campsites, trees, rest rooms, or any other lake property** shall be protected, not harmed or destroyed.
- **All speed limits** shall be obeyed.
- **Glass bottles and containers** are prohibited.
- **Fire arms (including air rifles and pellet guns)** are not allowed.
- **All illegal drugs** are prohibited.
- **Those persons causing a public disturbance** shall be removed from the Lake area or arrested.
- **Intoxicated persons** shall be arrested.
- **Pollution of the lake** of any kind is prohibited.
- **No rocks or plants** shall be removed from their location.

Enjoy your stay on Okemah City Lake. We are proud of our park area and lake and are always interested in any comments you may have about our facilities. If you have a comment you can call the City Manager's Office at 918-623-1050 or write to City Hall, 502 W Broadway, Okemah, OK

LAKE CABIN RENTAL TERMS AND POLICIES

***DESCRIPTION OF CABIN,
FURNISHINGS AND ITEMS
FURNISHED:***



1. 1440 Square foot, 3-Bedroom, 2 Bath double wide mobile home with large deck.
2. Appliances include refrigerator, stove, washer, dryer, dishwasher, microwave, television on antennae, and VCR/DVD player.
3. Central Heat and Air Conditioning with Ceiling Fans in bedrooms.



4. Two (2) queen-sized beds, Two (2) Twin trundle beds (Four [4] mattresses).
5. Linens and Towels furnished at no charge if washed and dried before checkout.
6. Six (6) place Dining Room Set.
7. Living Room Set with extra chairs.
8. Cooking Utensils, Eight (8) place setting Tableware.
9. Outdoor Dog Pens available for Pets.

RULES FOR CABIN:

1. All Oklahoma Laws and City of Okemah Ordinances are in effect at the Cabin location.
2. No Smoking inside the Cabin.
3. No pets allowed inside the Cabin.
4. No littering on Cabin grounds area.
5. No more than Sixteen (16) persons to occupy the Grounds area at any one time.
6. Check out time 1:00 P.M except Sundays or Holidays 5:00 PM.

RENTAL RATES:

WEEKDAYS:

1. One night, Tuesday through Thursday with No Holiday, \$100.00
2. Two nights, Tuesday through Thursday with No Holiday, \$175.00
3. Three or more nights, Tuesday through Thursday with No Holiday, \$75.00 per night

WEEKENDS OR HOLIDAYS:

1. One night, Weekend or Holiday \$150.00
2. Two nights, Weekend or Holiday \$250.00
3. Three or more nights, Weekend or Holiday \$100.00 per night

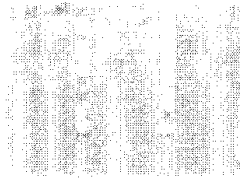
FULL WEEK RENTALS:

1. Seven days (one week) with no Holiday \$400.00
2. Seven days (one week) with a Holiday \$450.00

DEPOSIT:

1. One night at the highest daily rental rate is required for reservation.
2. 75% of deposit returned if cancelled within 2-weeks.
3. 50% of deposit returned if cancelled within 1-week.
4. Full Deposit will be returned within 2-weeks if no cleaning is required (including laundry items) and there is no damage or missing items. Remaining deposit or additional charges will be mailed within 2-weeks.

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Century Community

Okemah is proud to be recognized by the Oklahoma Department of Commerce as a Century Community (formerly known as Certified City). The objective of the Oklahoma Century Community program is community readiness - a key factor in both the community and economic development efforts of a city.

It has been said no one plans to fail but many fail to plan. Anyone who is serious about being successful realizes that it requires taking a good hard look at yourself and seeing just where you are, where you want to go and how you're going to get there. This is true of cities also. The Century Community Program helps cities complete this process. Achieving and maintaining Century Community status has many benefits, including self-evaluation, generation of community pride, community awareness, establishment of a leadership organization, volunteerism, a community plan, common focus/vision, increased grant eligibility, and the ability to present a better resume' to site locators looking for the right place to expand their industry.

The first phase of the Century Community program focused on Community Assessment. The Oklahoma Department of Commerce and the Oklahoma Community Institute provided valuable assistance in helping us evaluate ourselves in the areas of Human Resources, Economic Development, Local Government Structure, Community Services and Community Infrastructure. Okemah was first recognized as a Certified City in October 1998.

November 30, 2001, Okemah met the requirements outlined by the Oklahoma Department of Commerce for a Certified City to transition to and be recognized as an "Oklahoma Century Community." Based on the results of our self-assessment, we developed a Comprehensive Plan. Our Plan includes our mission, goals and objectives. Okemah's Century Community Comprehensive Plan consists of two parts; the City of Okemah's Capital Improvements Plan and the Okemah Community Improvement Association (CIA) Strategic Plan.

We are now in the Plan Implementation phase of the Century Community program. While continuing to update our plan, we are working toward attaining the goals identified in our Plan. Periodically, meetings are held with community leaders to keep everyone focused on our mission, remind them of our goals, and help them see how their organization fits into the plan. Each organization reports on what they are doing to help implement our plan. In order to retain our Century Community designation, we must

recertify every two years. At that time we will submit an updated community plan, report the progress we've made toward our goals, and submit our objectives for the next two years.

Century Community Mission

The Mission of Okemah as a Century Community is to continuously improve the quality of life for the citizens of Okemah.

Century Community Goals

1. To develop positive working relationships with our citizens while continuing to provide the essential services required.
2. To promote community development by providing the means necessary to improve infrastructure, protect the environment, and improve housing opportunities.
3. To enhance community support for our schools and other agencies , thereby advancing formal and non-formal educational opportunities for all ages.
4. To promote business and industry development thereby providing jobs, and promoting tourism in our community.
5. To develop and enhance the recreational opportunities for the people of our community.

The key to our success is participation from the entire community. Every individual and every organization in our community plays an important role in fulfilling our mission and reaching our goals. Everyone is encouraged to get involved, including churches, school officials, business owners, civic organizations, community service providers and anyone interested in the success and growth of Okemah. For information about the next Century Community meeting, please contact either Cherri Brown at 918-623-0738 or Cherri@onlalot.com or City Manager Bob Baxter at 918-623-1050.

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Agriculture

Agriculture is a vital element in the economic life of Okfuskee County. There are 755 farm/ranch units, 43,000 cattle and calves and 29,500 beef cows in the county. The average size of a farm is 361 acres, while the value of agriculture products sold is \$10,271,000 and the average per farm is \$13,786.



Cash receipts from marketing are \$11,908,000 and 83.6% of this is cash receipts from livestock and products. Production expenses are \$13,551,000, and total farm labor and proprietor's income is \$843,000.



The county produces 2,500 acres of alfalfa, 32,500 acres of hay, 1,000 acres of oats and 2,170 acres of peanuts in addition to sorghum, soybeans and wheat. Sheep, lambs, hogs and chickens are also raised.

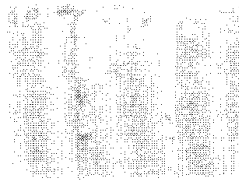
The offices of Oklahoma State University Extension Center, Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation Service, Soil Conservation Service and Farmers Home Administration located in Okemah serve area agri-businessmen.

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Industry



Okemah, Oklahoma is an Industrial Dynamo located right on Exit 221 off Interstate 40, a major East - West artery. Easy on, easy off ramps with direct access to a 225 acre Industrial Park with available building land, ample utilities, broadband Internet Access, a supportive City Government plus a large motivated work force make Okemah a definite

choice for your next Professional building, manufacturing plant or distribution warehouse. Contact the Okemah City Hall at 918-623-1050 or the Chamber of Commerce at 918- 623-2440 for full details.

For Community Profile information, visit the sites listed below:

Oklahoma Department of Commerce, Data & Statistics, Community Profiles

USA Cities Online - Statistical Data About Okemah

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Relocation Information

The following are listed as a service to the community, regardless of Chamber membership status. Refer to **Membership Directory** for a complete list of Chamber members. If you wish to add to this list or submit updated information, please **contact** us.

Utilities:

Gas	OG&E	1-800-522-0280
	Oklahoma Natural Gas Co.	1-800-664-7298
Water	City of Okemah	918-623-1050
	Rural Water #2	918-623-2487
	Rural Water #3	918-623-2615
Electricity	AEP (formerly PSO)	1-800-776-7071
	East Central Electric Co-op	918-756-0833
		1-800-464-7328
Telephone	SBC	
Internet Connections	HDR Internet Services	918-652-4586
	SBC	1-800-464-7928
Sanitation Services	City of Okemah	918-623-1050
Cable	Cox Communications	1-800-364-7511
Mail	United States Postal Service	918-623-0112
Employment	Workforce Oklahoma	918-623-2387
Housing	See Chamber Membership Directory	
Schools	See Schools , also Chamber Membership Directory .	
Hospitals	See Health Care , also Chamber Membership Directory .	
Churches	See Churches , also Chamber Membership Directory	
Things to Do	Check out our Tourism & Recreation page on this site.	
Organizations to Join	Check out our Civic Organizations page on this site.	
Local Services	See Community Services .	

For Community Profile information, visit the sites listed below:

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**Okemah Main Office**, 418 W Broadway St, Okemah, OK 74859[Plan Route >](#)**Regular Business Hours:**

Week Days 08:00AM-04:30PM

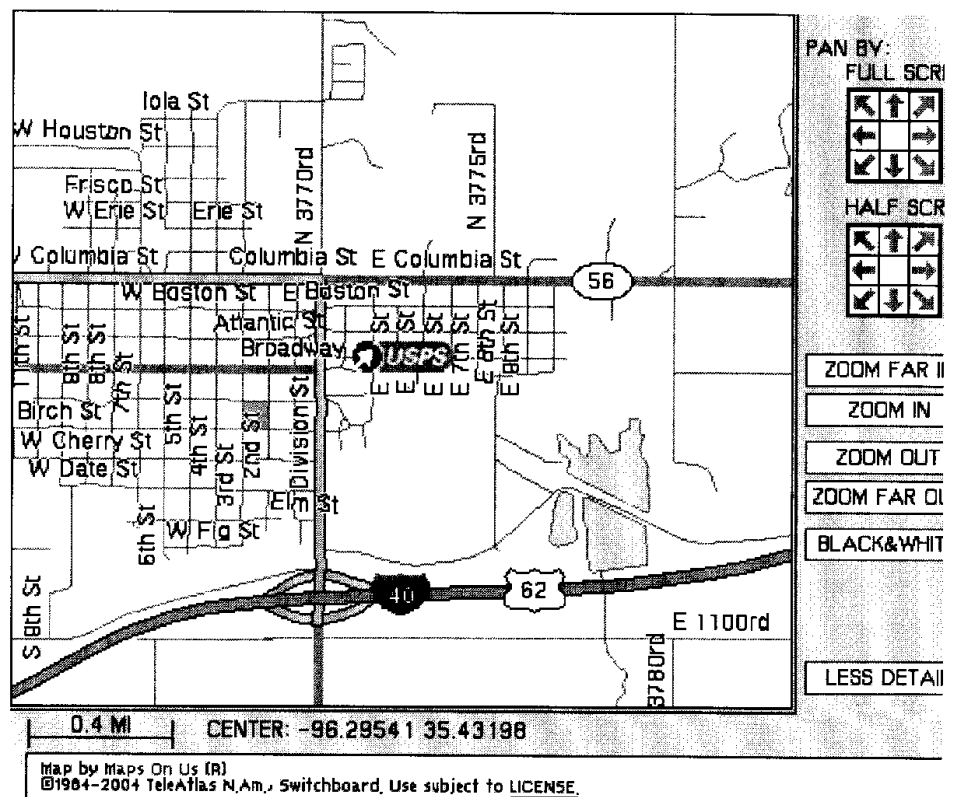
Latest Collection at Post Office:

Week Days 04:45PM

Saturday 03:15PM

Phone: 1-800-ASK-USPS

For TTY service for the hearing impaired only, 1-877-877-7833.

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Legislators/Government Contacts

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National Representation

		Phone
Hon. George Bush-R	President of the United States	202-456-1414
Hon. Don Nickles-R	United States Senator, State of Oklahoma	202-224-5754
Hon. James Inhofe-R	United States Senator, State of Oklahoma	202-224-4721

Oklahoma is divided into 5 Congressional Districts. Okfuskee County lies within District 2

Hon. John Sullivan-R	United States Representative, District 1	202-225-2211
Hon. Brad Carson-D	United States Representative, District 2	202-225-2701
Hon. Frank Lucas-R	United States Representative, District 3	202-225-5565
Hon. Tom Cole-R	United States Representative, District 4	202-225-6165
Hon. Ernest Istook-R	United States Representative, District 5	202-225-2132

State Representation

Hon. Brad Henry-D	Governor Of Oklahoma	405-521-2342
Hon. Mary Fallin-R	Lt. Governor of Oklahoma	405-521-2161
Hon. Sandy Garrett-D	Supt. Of Public Instruction	405-521-3301

Oklahoma is divided into 48 Senate Districts. Okfuskee County lies within District 8

Hon. Frank Shurden-D	Oklahoma State Senator, District 8	405-524-012 Ext 588
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Neighboring Districts:

Hon. Ted Fisher-D	Oklahoma State Senator, District 12	405-521-5528
Hon. Gene Stipes-D	Oklahoma State Senator, District 7	405-521-5604
Hon. Dick Wilkerson-D	Oklahoma State Senator, District 13	405-521-5541
Hon. Harry Coates-R	Oklahoma State Senator, District 28	405-321-5547
Hon Ben Robinson-D	Oklahoma State Senator, District 9	405-521-5533

Oklahoma is divided into 101 House of Representative Districts. Okfuskee County lies within District 24

Hon. Dale Turner-D	Oklahoma State Representative, District 24	405-557-7306
Neighboring Districts:		
Hon. Dan Boren-D	Oklahoma State Representative, District 28	405-557-7372
Hon M.C. Leist-D	Oklahoma State Representative, District 16	405-557-7373

County Representation

The County Commissioners meet every Monday at 9 a.m. in the Commisioners office at the Okfuskee County Courthouse. Contact the Commissioners office at 918-623-0939 to find out which Commissioner represents you and how to contact them.

Dale (Corky) Fipps	Okfuskee County Commissioner, District
Max Henry	Okfuskee County Commissioner, District 2
Jack Pangle	Okfuskee County Commissioner, District 3

City Representation

The City Council meets every 2nd & 4th Monday nights at Okemah City Hall. Contact Okemah City Hall at 918-623-1050 to find out which councilman represents you and how to contact them.

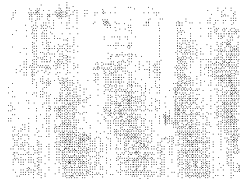
Bob Baxter	Okemah City Manager
Luna Burnett	Okemah City Mayor, Ward 2
John Hays	Okemah City Councilman, Ward 4
Jack Mooring	Okemah City Councilman, Ward 3
Matt Taylor	Okemah City Councilman, Ward 1
Randy Titsworth	Okemah City Councilman, At Large

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About the Chamber of Commerce

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The Chamber represents the "front door" for people seeking information about Okemah. Each year the Chamber responds to hundreds of inquiries about availability of products and services, business names and contacts, relocation information, visitor information, and general community information. The Chamber is the first stop for many people requesting info regarding the Woody Guthrie Festival and Pioneer Day. We are the distribution point for city and state maps, tourism brochures, phone books, membership directories, Oklahoma Small Business counseling and general information about Okemah. Get "in the loop" and join the Chamber!

Mission Statement

- Promote economic and community development
- Improve the quality of life and business climate for the Okemah area

Board

		Term Expires
Cherri Brown	President	12/31/06
John Day	Vice President	12/31/04
Mike Neal		12/31/07
Debbie Finney		12/31/05
Michelle Daily		12/31/04
Dr. Claud Evans		12/31/04
Amy Guinn		12/31/05

Pam Condict

12/31/05

Meggin Bean

12/31/07

Meetings

Regular Chamber meetings are held the *last Tuesday* of each month at ***Brick Street Café*** from noon to 1:00 p.m., unless otherwise notified.

Benefits of Chamber Membership

Advertisement

Chamber member businesses are given referrals generated from telephone inquiries.

The entire Chamber membership is promoted periodically through newspaper ads paid for by the Chamber listing all members and encouraging folks to shop locally.

Community Events

Generate new customer leads and increase awareness of your business by participating in Chamber events.

Events are promotional opportunities to show your willingness to give back to the community in appreciation for their support of your business.

Networking Opportunities

Chamber membership is about connecting with others. Members enjoy a readily-available network of community and business leaders. Involvement will keep you informed, educated, and aware of the people, businesses, organizations, issues, and challenges impacting this community and the business climate. Tap into that network by attending monthly Chamber meetings, Chamber events, serving on Chamber committees and making direct one-on-one contact with other members.

Education

The Chamber provides information about legislative changes, business trends, and community issues. We work to insure that these issues are moving in a direction that benefits the business community. Ongoing relationships with key decision-makers and business owners make this possible.

Partnerships

Progress can only be made when entities work together. Relationships have been established between the Chamber and the City of Okemah for the purpose of attracting new industry to the Okemah area, as well as working with existing industry to encourage expansion and job creation. Numerous other partnerships have linked the Chamber to other groups in the community, enabling all of us to accomplish more.

How to Join

For an application, call the Chamber at 918-623-2440 or pick one up at Okemah Office Supply, 208 W. Broadway. Although new members are accepted throughout the year, your dues must be paid by March 15 if you wish to be included in the next issue of the Guide to Okemah.

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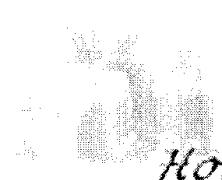
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Mission

The Community Improvement Association (CIA), formed December 7, 1995, is a non-profit association comprised of members from all segments of the community. The purpose of the CIA is to improve the quality of life in Okemah, Oklahoma. This is accomplished by developing positive working relationships with our citizens, improving infrastructure, advancing education, and providing recreational and employment opportunities. The CIA frequently partners with other local organizations to raise funds and accomplish goals.

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."

Margaret Mead

Current Officers

(1/1/03 through 5/31/05)

President	Danny Custar
Vice President Fundraising	Norma Moore
Vice President Public Relations	Laura Crump
Vice President Programs	Terry Crump
Secretary	Betty Mitchell
Vice President Finance	Don Moore

Board Members at Large:

Alice Cash Ruth Ann Vest Chad Haberman

Meeting Schedule

Regular Meetings are held at 6:30 p.m. at
Cross Timbers RC&D
217 W. Broadway
the 2nd Tuesday of each month.

All CIA members are encouraged to attend.

Contact Information

Danny Custar at (918) 623-2608 Red & White Grocery

CIA Contributions to Okemah

- Recreational Complex east of Okemah High School
- Outdoor Classroom/Wetlands & Walking Trail
- Annual **Pioneer Day Festival** last weekend in April
- Continuance of **Century Community Certification Program**
- Chili Cook-off every Labor Day Weekend on Customer Appreciation Day
- Assistance with **Lt. Governor's Turkey Hunt** held every April
- Plus much more

CIA's Long-Range Goal

The long-range goal of the CIA is a multi-purpose recreational facility that will provide a basketball court and entertainment area, racketball courts, indoor swimming pool, weight room, aerobics, room and much more.

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